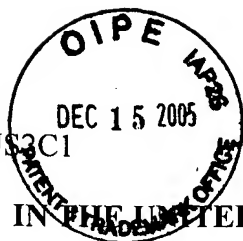


TRIEP.23AUS2C1



PATENT

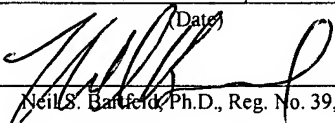
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Sallberg et al.
Appl. No. : 10/817,591
Filed : April 2, 2004
For : VACCINES CONTAINING
RIBAVIRIN AND METHODS OF
USE THEREOF
Examiner : Bao Q. Li
Group Art Unit : 1648

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

December 12, 2005

(Date)

Neil S. Bartfeld, Ph.D., Reg. No. 39,901

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 17th, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, drawn to a method for enhancing an immune response comprising the step of administering a composition comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding an HCV antigen and ribavirin into a subject, without traverse. Applicants also submit new claims herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

12/16/2005 FMETEKI1 00000030 10817591

01 FC:1202

550.00 0P



Please Direct All Correspondence to Customer Number **20995**

AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Sallberg et al.
 App. No : 10/817,591
 Filed : April 2, 2004
 For : VACCINES CONTAINING
 RIBAVIRIN AND METHODS OF USE
 THEREOF
 Examiner : Bao Q. Li
 Art Unit : 1648

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

December 12, 2005

(Date)

 Neil S. Barfield, Ph.D., Reg. No. 39,901

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

(X) Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement in 6 pages.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Excess Claims	46 - 35 =	1202 (\$50)	11 x 50 =	\$550
Excess Independent	2 - 2 = 0	1201 (\$200)	0 x 200 =	\$0
Multiple Claim	1.16(j)	1203 (\$360)		\$0
1 Month Extension	1.17(a)(1)	1251 (\$120)		\$0
2 Month Extension	1.17(a)(2)	1252 (\$450)		\$0
3 Month Extension	1.17(a)(3)	1253 (\$1,020)		\$0
			TOTAL FEE DUE	\$550

(X) A check in the amount of \$550 is enclosed.

(X) Return prepaid postcard.

Docket No.: TRIPEP.23AUS2C1

December 12, 2005

App. No.: 10/817,591

Page 2 of 2

Please Direct All Correspondence to Customer Number **20995**

- (X) Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.



Neil S. Bartfield, Ph.D.

Registration No. 39,901

Agent of Record

Customer No. 20,995

(619) 235-8550

2189688
121205